

**Request for Informal Public Comment on Proposed Amendments to
State Health Plan for Facilities and Services: Specialized Health Care Services—
Cardiac Surgery and Percutaneous Coronary Intervention Services –
COMAR 10.24.17**

**Table A-1. Summary of Requirements for Primary PCI Programs:
Hospitals with and without On-Site Cardiac Surgery**

The Commission is seeking informal public comment on the draft proposed amendments to COMAR 10.24.17 shown below. Single underline indicates text to be added. [Single brackets] indicate text to be deleted. This proposal is designed to bring the regulation in line with the 2007 Focused Update of the American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association 2004 Guidelines for the Management of Patients With ST-Elevation Myocardial Infarction.

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- 2) All institutions should provide primary PCI as soon as possible and not to exceed [120] 90 minutes from patient arrival (i.e., door-to-balloon time of ≤ [120] 90 minutes) for [80] 75 percent of appropriate patients.

The Commission invites the public to submit written comments on this proposal; the Commission will make the public comments available on the Commission's website. Following review of the comments, the Commission will take action regarding adoption of the proposed amendments at its public meeting on April 16, 2009. The process to amend the existing regulations will include an opportunity for formal public comment.

Written comments on the draft proposed changes to COMAR 10.24.17 should be forwarded **not later than 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31, 2009** to: Pamela W. Barclay, Director, Center for Hospital Services, Maryland Health Care Commission, 4160 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21215.

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